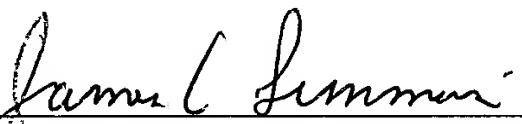


Remarks/Arguments:

Applicants/Appellants have amended claims 1 and 18, the only independent claims in the application.

Claims 1 and 18 were amended to close the claims thus excluding edible cellulosic materials, other than cabbage leaves.

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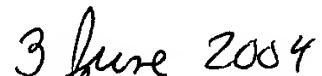
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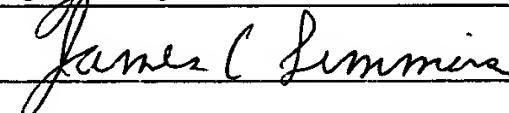
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